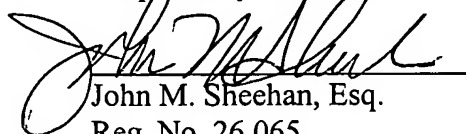


Remarks

The non-compliant matter having been addressed in this submission, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested and a Notice of Allowance issued in this application. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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